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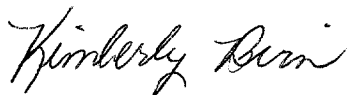
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Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Please grant the above petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals are often sick, and their diseases should not be allowed to enter America's food supply. Downed animals are typically dragged with tractors and chains, adding further pain and injury to these unfortunate animals. Such treatment of sick and disabled animals must not be allowed.

The livestock industry needs limits on marketing downed animals. It is likely that the care of all livestock will improve if downed animals cannot be sold.

Sincerely,



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